for examining the prospects of manufacture of aircrafts and their components in the country. The Group is to examine different aspects like demand, indigenous capabilities, possible areas for manufacture of aircrafts/components, creation of additional manufacturing facilities, possibilities of integrating the manufacturing facilities for civilian and defence sectors etc. The Group is expected to submit its report by 28th February, 1989.

U.S. Military Aid to Supplement Pakistan's Defence Production

4349. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the Pakistan's programme of indigenous defence production to supplement the massive American military aid it has been receiving for the post few years ; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking as its defence strategy to meet Pakistan's massive plan for indigenous production of weapon systems ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government keep a careful watch on all developments having a bearing on the country's security and take appropriate measures to maintain full defence preparedness at all times.

Foreign hand behind reluctance of LTTE to Settle issue of Sri Lankan Tamils

4350. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a foreign hand behind the reluctance of LTTE in coming to a settlement on the issue of Sri Lankan Tamils; and

(b) if so, whether Government have identified the foreign forces which are encouraging the Sri Lanka's Tamils to creat law and order situation and killing of innocent people in the eastern and northern region of Sri Lanka ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH) : (a) and (b) While Government have no definite information in this regard, there have been several reports about LTTE's links with foreign agencies.

Exemption to Persons for Summoning Examination on Oath by the Tribunal

4351. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Section 22(3) (a) of the Central Administrative Tribunal Act, 1985 contemplates any particular individual or category of persons who cannot be summoned and examined on oath by the Tribunal; and

(b) if so, the manner in which tribunal is supposed to dispense justice on investigated merit in cases where fraud, perjury or contempt have been alleged and are an issue ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b) Section 22(3) (a) read with clause (c) of the Administrative Tribunal Act, 1985 deals with the powers of the Central Administrative Tribunal for summoning and enforcing the attendance of any person